3122. (Transferred to the 25th March, 1988]

Joint Bid to Bring Sun on Saith

812o. SHRI RAMSINGBHAI PA TALIYABHAI RATH-VAKOLI:

SHRI SAGAR RAYKA;

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has decided to take part in the project 'Joint Bid to Bring Sun On Earth';

(b) if so, by when and the details of such project; and

(e) whether it is also a fact that such a project can be useful to India in view of the drought and flood situation of various parts of India prevailing at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE EN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER CF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) In view of (a), does not arise.

(c) This project has no immediate application in relation to drought or goods.

Import of CNC/NC Machine Tools

3124. SHRI V. RAMANATHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the names of organisations'bodies I compaines which weie allowed \p import Computerised Numerically Controlled | Numberically Controlled (CNC|NC) Machine Tools during the year 1986 and 1937 by the Capital Goods Committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATF, IK THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN); The details of machine tools (Caplital Goods) whether they arej computerised numerically controlled or numerically controlled are not maintained separately. However, the particulars of Import Licences issued by the CCI & *E* Organisation are published in the Weekly Bulletins copies of which are available in the library of Parliament House.

Delay in filling up of vacant posts

3125. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleas-c. 1 to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the appointment of Secretaries to various departments of Government of India, where posts fell vacant due to super annuation or other reasons, are being inordinately delayed arid additional (e is being given to other Secretaries resulting lin inefficiency;

(b) whether it is not a policy, hitherto, to select new incumbents well before the retirement of the old one so that efficiency and contlinuity remained; and

(c) if so, what arc the reasons for the departure from this policy and also what are the reasons for delay in these cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHI-DAMBARAM): (a) No. Sir. The appointment of Secretaries to various departments of Government of India has not been inordinately delayed.

(b) As far as possible efforts are made to appoint officers to pests of Secretaries as soon as they fall vacant.

(c) Does not a]